

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. The  
public airwaves  
should not be used  
by television  
executives to  
promote their own  
partisan political  
agenda. I believe  
that broadcast  
stations, as well as  
newspapers and  
magazines, have an  
obligation to fairly  
and meaningfully  
cover the issues in  
an election and the  
candidates in the  
election. The  
evidence indicates  
that Sinclair  
Broadcasting has  
moved away from this  
sense of fairness,  
and they have taken  
a radical approach  
to presenting  
information.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.